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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

December 4, 2002 ♦ **WEDNESDAY**

Eastern downs Western

Mens basketball team improves to .500 in the regular season.

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CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Abby Fehrenbacher, an employee for the American Red Cross, cleans the arm of JoAnne Palinski, a junior psychology major, while Palinski looks over information on donating blood in the basement of Lawson Hall Tuesday evening.

GIVING THE GIFT OF **LIFE**

♦ *Students are getting more involved in local blood drives*

By Tim Martin
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Blood is leaving the veins of Eastern students at a record-setting pace this semester.

The Eastern American Red Cross Blood Committee has increased its number of blood drives this semester and Blood Services of Illinois has also increased activity.

Last week, the American Red Cross held a blood drive in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and this week is holding a blood drive competition between three residence halls.

Eastern students have been getting more involved, as target groups are varying and as the donor

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—Tracey Torbeck

list is expanding.

"This is a great community and we have more visibility than in previous years," said Tracy Torbeck, territory manager of the American Red Cross. "As different groups sponsor these blood drives, the more different groups of people will donate."

Larry Ward, vice president of the blood committee and member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, has also noticed the increase.

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CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Beth Caschetta, a senior athletic training major fills out paper work before donating blood in the basement of Andrews Hall Tuesday evening.

Seventh Street too close for expansion

By Maura Possley
CITY EDITOR

Despite public concern voiced at Tuesday night's meeting, the city council intends to pass a resolution on Dec. 17 to close parts of Seventh Street, so the university can extend the campus with the completion of the new Doudna Fine Arts Building.

As a result of private property restraints on north Seventh Street near Lincoln Avenue across from campus, Seventh Street will close for pedestrian

use starting at about the steam plant and will reach the Tarble Arts Center.

For the parts of Seventh Street that are left on the furthest ends of the street next to campus, the north segment near Lincoln Avenue would most likely be turned into a one-way street going southbound.

Cougill said he wasn't sure what the university planned for the south end of the street near Andrews Hall

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Convenience Center construction could be finished during break

♦ *After a semester delay, students may be able to shop in Thomas Hall*

By Melissa Nielsen
CAMPUS EDITOR

Work is underway on the Thomas Convenience Center in the Thomas Dining Center after a semester delay, bringing hope that the project will reach completion over the semester break.

Over Thanksgiving break, Facilities Planning and

Management constructed a barrier wall to separate the dining area from the future convenience shop so construction will not interfere with student diners, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Behind the wall, he said, crews are busy redoing the ceiling and wiring electrical outlets. "We're basically preparing for the finished project," Hudson said.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin at the start of this semester, he said.

However, the renovations of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and construction of the new Human Resource building pushed the project back. Crews did not want to take on too many projects at once, and the strict time line of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and Human Services building took priority.

Before the holiday break, Hudson was concerned that construction may be delayed again because a door had been

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♦ *Students can now benefit from fee eliminations or education loans*

By Avian Carrasquillo
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

With statewide budget cuts affecting financial aid, more and more students are taking out loans to pay for college.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has recently approved the elimination of the guarantee fee on ISAC guaranteed educational loans that have been borrowed through the Family Education Loan program. This means that the fee on loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 will be waived.

Lori Reimers of ISAC said that while the agency is still dramatically suffering from state budget cuts, the federal loan program is in good fiscal condition because federal loans are a separate entity.

Larry Matejka, ISAC's executive director, explained the good fiscal condition.

"We are pleased to pass on significant cost savings to the students and families we serve through our student loan programs. Our ability to waive this fee is due largely in part to our borrowers' solid commitment to repaying their loans," Matejka stated in a press release.

"For students at Eastern, if loans are given, the loan proceeds go toward more tuition costs," Reimers said.

This news does not affect most Eastern students, said Joan Zieren, director of financial aid.

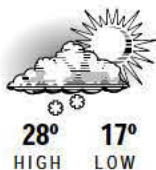
"All of the loans we disperse are federal loans; ISAC uses lenders. We have the same origination fee, so what they are doing we have already been doing," Zieren said.

Students in need of more financial aid than offered by their financial aid office could turn to ISAC to find a lender, which is why the news applies to all college students in Illinois, Reimers said.

ISAC estimates 180,000 borrowers will benefit from the elimination of the fee.

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—Joan Zieren



TODAY'S BEST BETS

Marathon reading fund raiser to help local nursing home

By Tim Martin
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Sigma Tau Delta, an honor society for English majors, will read young-adult books aloud for a fund raiser that will benefit the Hilltop Convalescent Center, a Charleston nursing home.

The fund raiser, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the North lobby of Booth Library, will have Delta members read "The Giver," "Tuck Everlasting," "A Wrinkle in Time" and "Hatchet."

The program was created to promote life-long literacy.

Donations will be taken at the reading and will be used to bolster Hilltop's inadequate library. Mooney Motors of Charleston is supporting the event, but more sponsors have been contacted, said Stephanie Ernst, treasurer of Sigma Tau Delta and project manager of the event.

The event's goal is around \$1,200.

The enhanced library, which will include books, magazines, books-on-tape, tape players and videos, is something Hilltop really needs, Ernst said.

"Nursing homes generally have low funding and they can't replace old books and tapes," she said. "As a result, avid minds turn into TV zombies."

Hilltop administrator Araceli Henson appreciates the help for her nursing home.

"Surely (the donations) will be a big help for the residents," Henson said. "Some still have the love to read, but it is an asset having reading materials."

Sigma Tau Delta sponsored events usually benefit children and high schools, but Ernst saw a need at the nursing home.

Reading the day away

- ◆ **Who?** Sigma Tau Delta, English honorary, members
- ◆ **What?** Reading young adult-themed books
- ◆ **When?** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ **Where?** North lobby of Booth Library
- ◆ **Why?** To promote life-long literacy and to raise money for the Charleston nursing home's library

"Right now, the library isn't shabby. They have some materials," she said. "They don't even have a magazine subscription right now. I know the old residents are pretty excited about it."

The event will mark the first time members have conducted a reading marathon in a public forum. Three members will be assigned for each hour.

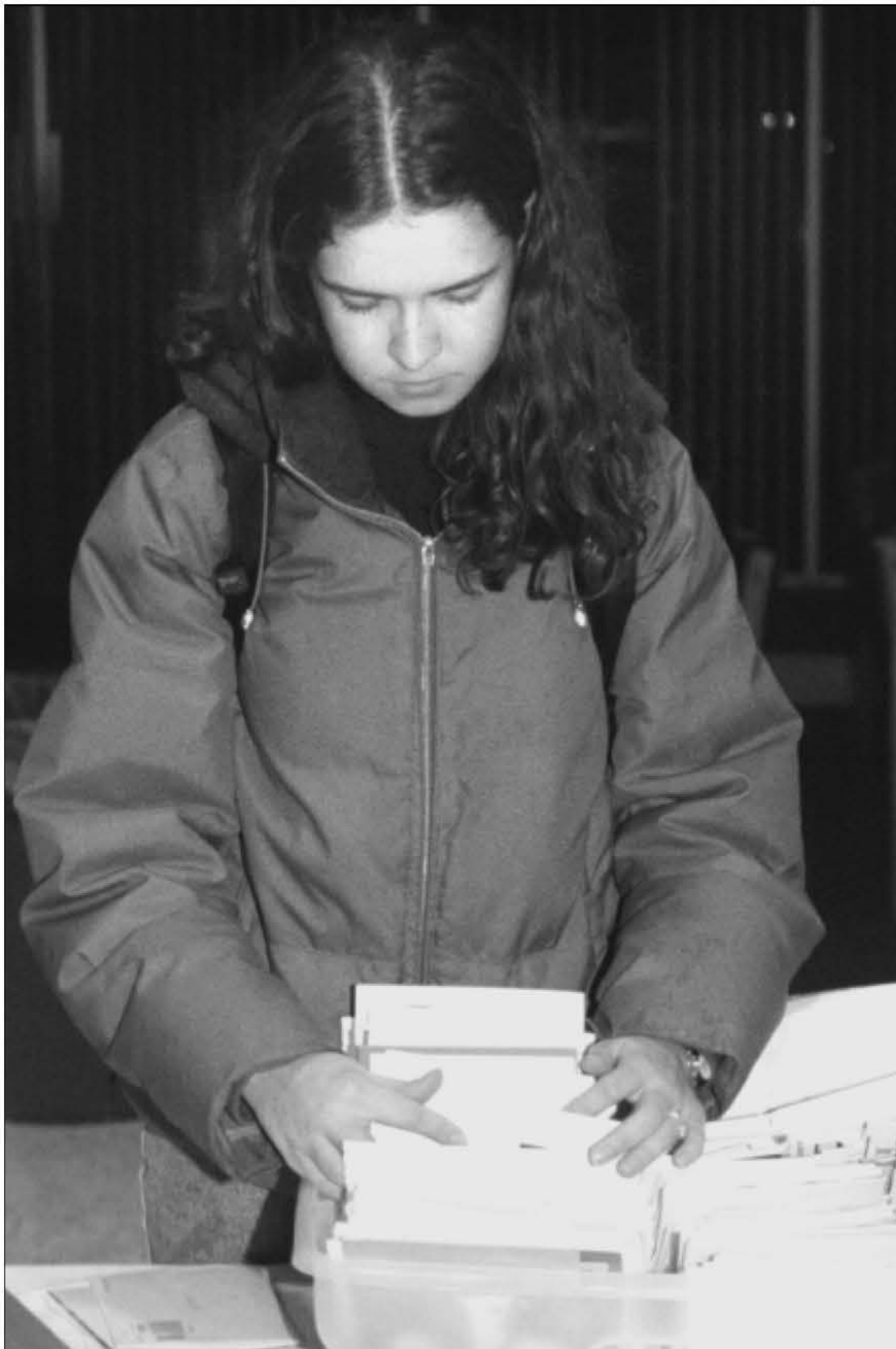
"Usually we had done these things for fun. This is the first time we'll be doing this in public," Ernst said. "Either way, we're trying to encourage life-long literacy, and if you are in a hole at Coleman in a windowless room, people won't see it."

Ernst said she applied for a \$300 grant from the national Sigma Tau Delta office in early October, which also would help pay for the books; however, she has yet to hear from them.

Henson said any benefits Hilltop receives from the fund raiser will be appreciated.

"We are very appreciative for their contributions," she said. "I know residents will love to have (a better library), and I know it will benefit them."

If one would like to make a donation, but cannot attend the fund raiser, they can call Ernst at 348-8272 or drop off donations at the English department office in Coleman Hall



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Stephanie Lewis, a freshman business major, flips through some holiday cards on sale in the bookstore in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night.

COMING UP

Art and music holiday events begin this weekend at Tarble

◆ *Students, departments, professors and faculty involved in the activities*

By Laura Palella
STAFF WRITER

There will be an array of holiday events beginning this weekend at Tarble Arts Center.

The Holiday Art Sale Opening Preview will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Tarble and will continue daily from 6 to 8 p.m. over the weekend.

A variety of art created by students, faculty and local residents will include Christmas items, ceramics, jewelry and other art and craft pieces.

Sue Rardin, coordinator of the art sale, said all the art is one of a kind.

The art department sponsors the art sale and proceeds will go

toward their scholarship funds. The art will sell for as low as \$6 and as high as \$60.

The Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois category will include a total of 267 entries from 108 artists.

"John Brunetti, a Chicago art critic, curator, and educator, selects the works and which one will win," said Michael Watts, Tarble Arts Center director.

The Holiday Ornament Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Tarble. Children and parents can come to the Tarble classroom and create their own holiday ornament or decoration.

Watts said the ornament participants used art deco, an art style from the 1920s and '30s.

Music professor Sheila Doak and her students will perform a piano recital at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Tarble.

Events at Tarble

- ◆ **Holiday Art Sale Opening Preview:** 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday
- ◆ **The Holiday Ornament Open House:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
- ◆ **Piano recital:** 1:30 p.m. Saturday

"I have five students and four will be performing, so the recital will only last about 15 to 20 minutes," Doak said. "Each student will perform one to two pieces. The recital will include duets."

Doak said some Christmas music will be played, but will not dominate the recital.

The weekend's shows will have free admission and the public is invited to attend.

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Panther Express will changes route

◆ Shuttle bus will start making an additional stop to Showplace 8 this weekend, more stops may be added next semester based on popularity

By John Chambers
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

An additional Panther Express bus stop to be added this weekend could offer students more entertainment options.

Starting this Friday and Saturday night, a shuttle bus will pick students up at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 6:30 p.m. and take them to Showplace 8.

The bus will then pick up from the Charleston movie theater at 9:30 p.m.

The added stop will continue next semester and the time for the stop was decided as one of the most popular times students prefer to view movies, said Lindsey Baum, chair of the Student Senate Shuttle Bus Committee.

"People are always complaining there's nothing really to do in Charleston ... just go out and see a movie," she said.

Baum said an additional stop could be added at University Apartments and Champaign for planned trips.

The Champaign stop would be open to 10 or more students, including Recognized Student Organizations and Greek organizations.

"I think RSOs would use it the most," Baum said. She said the Champaign route could start next semester, but would likely be added after the University Apartments stop begins, if at all.

The route beginning this weekend was also planned working with H & H Transportation, the company the university has contracted to run the Panther Express buses.

The new weekend route will be at no extra cost to the university, said Michelle Daniel, manager of Panther Express.

Daniel said the shuttle bus on the first evening route will be the bus used to take students to Showplace 8.

"There's not a whole lot of students that use that service as much as they do the Wal-Mart route," she said.

She said an additional bus could be used for the stop, but the university does not want to take on the additional cost.

Daniel said the route is an opportunity for students that was tried in past years.

"I think it's a good idea for students," she said. "It will give them entertainment; somewhere to go."



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Sean Gibbon, a sophomore industrial Technology major, gets on the shuttle bus going to Wal-Mart outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday evening.

Bond motion in Mertz case withdrawn

By Maura Possley
CITY EDITOR

The defense for an Eastern student charged with murdering another student attempted to hold a bond hearing over Thanksgiving break, but has withdrawn the motion trying to get Anthony B. Mertz out of county jail on bond because of a previously held hearing.

Defense attorney David Williams filed the motion on Nov. 25 based on a state Supreme Court decision, but decided to withdraw the motion after learning a hearing addressing the court's decision had already been held in January.

Mertz, 26, is currently in county jail without bond on charges of killing Shannon McNamara at her apartment at 1125 Fourth St. on June 12, 2001. He is charged with first-degree murder, sexual assault and home invasion, and if convicted, could receive the death penalty because of the aggravating factors of sexual assault and home invasion.

According to a copy of the decision in William's motion, the court ruled in the case of People vs. Purcell that the burden of proof should be on the prosecution to show why the suspect should be jailed without bond, not on the defense as it had been in the past.

However, that decision was addressed and was in fact what prompted a January bond hearing for Mertz before Williams was appointed to the defense, said State's Attorney Steve Ferguson.

Ferguson said Williams intended to withdraw the motion after learning of the January hearing.

In January, Circuit Court Judge Dale A. Cini denied a bond for Mertz because of evidence linking him to McNamara's murder.

Police testimony at that hearing for the prosecution revealed DNA found under McNamara's fingernails matched Mertz's and a Navy Federal Credit Union card with Mertz's name on it was found in McNamara's apartment.

Also a box cutter found near McNamara's body is the same type of box cutters Mertz had access to at his job at the Student Recreation Center.

Lead defense attorney Paula Phillips and former defense attorney Lonnie Lutz did not present any evidence at that hearing but said Mertz would live with relatives in Rossville if he was released.

Grade appeal proposal presented to Faculty, reaction mixed

By Caitlin Prendergast
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate expressed mixed support Tuesday for a Student Senate resolution to include students in the grade appeals process.

Ronnie Deedrick, student vice president for academic affairs, presented his proposal, which the Student Senate unanimously approved two weeks ago, to the Faculty Senate for a second time at Tuesday's meeting.

After his last visit, Deedrick had added some Faculty Senate-suggested provisions to the resolution and was looking for the senate's support.

The current Internal Governing Policies call for the student vice president for academic affairs or the chairperson of the Graduate School Advisory Committee to

serve as a counsel to students appealing grades at the department level.

Deedrick's resolution asks for an additional student to be appointed by the student in his office or the GSAC chair, in consultation with the department chair, to serve as a voting member on department grade appeal committees.

The policy has not been revised since 1993, and there is no university standard for the make up of each department's grade appeals committee, but a majority are comprised of only faculty.

"(The committees) have to have students on there to have neutrality," Deedrick said.

Reed Benedict, professor of sociology and anthropology, said he clearly supports student involvement in the grade appeals process. A student's vote validates the process, he said, and vote is not intended to be an evaluation of a professor's objective

view.

Other Faculty Senate members, such as Matthew Monippallil, professor of accountancy and finance, said the people most competent in making decisions regarding grade changes are the faculty and department chairs, not students.

"This will be the first instance of peer grading at this institution if we allow it," Monippallil said.

David Carpenter, professor of English, said the resolution's language makes it impossible to approve and he suggested the Faculty Senate put the item on a ballot for the entire faculty to vote on in the spring.

Carpenter also had concerns with Deedrick or the chairperson of the graduate student advisory committee choosing the voting student.

"This is not neutrality - it's implicitly a conflict of interest," Carpenter said.

The resolution is all about being fair and balanced, Deedrick said.


Steve Scher, professor of psychology, agreed that a student's vote would bring an element of fairness to a grade appeals committee.

"We're not talking about having students grade their own papers," Scher said. "We're grasping students to make judgments about fairness."

Deedrick will present the resolution to the Council on Academic Affairs next in search of approval.

The Faculty Senate made a motion to offer an amendment to the resolution, but decided to solicit input from colleagues in the meantime.

Next week, the Faculty Senate will discuss the function and purpose of the Council on University Planning and Budget with CUPB chair Bob Augustine.



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EDITORIAL

Mistakes hurting Mertz case

Everyone makes mistakes.

Many times these mistakes are small, and can be quickly overlooked.

However, when someone's future hangs in the balance, some errors should not be dismissed so quickly.

Last week, David Williams, defense attorney for Anthony B. Mertz, the accused murderer of Eastern student Shannon McNamara, filed a motion to hold a bond hearing for Mertz. Williams later had to retract his motion when he learned that a bond hearing had already been held for Mertz.

Williams, of Fairfield, was added to the Mertz defense team in the second week of April to assist lead defense attorney Paula Phillips with the workload of the case. He also was chosen because he is certified by the Capital Litigation Trial Bar, which certifies attorneys to be qualified for death penalty cases.

In a case that has already extended a year and a half after the murder occurred, the attorneys should be careful what they do that could possibly delay the case even more.

A capital murder trial is a serious situation that requires an equally serious defense. With Williams not being aware that Mertz had already been granted a bond hearing, it appears that he has not done the research necessary to be a competent attorney for Mertz. Likewise, Phillips should have known, and made Williams aware.

While the bond hearing was held before Williams was appointed as an attorney in the case, he should not only have communication with Phillips, but also be able to check on previous actions made in the trial.

Making careless mistakes such as the one that Williams made hurt the credibility of the defense and caused unnecessary concern in the community.

Many people in the community as well as the family of McNamara are likely keeping a close eye on what happens in this case, and they should not be misled by incorrect actions taken by Mertz's defense.

Future actions should be carefully considered with full knowledge of previous proceedings.

At issue
Recent mistakes in the trial of Anthony Mertz

Our stance
Blunders in the case hurt the credibility of the defense and the progress of the trial.

OPINION

Fitting in at holiday time



Jamie Fetty
News editor and semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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At this time of year, they only complaining heard is about consumerism or hating the cold. But it still seems that most people, deep down, can move past their mall hatred and embrace this season of giving, charity and dealing with family.

But when you're not a Christian, not Jewish and not even remotely connected to Kwanzaa, the holidays sometimes serve as little more than a reminder that you're an outsider.

I'm a Unitarian Universalist. Most people haven't heard of my religion, but it's been around for centuries. Several former presidents were Unitarian, as was author Louisa May Alcott and Red Cross founder Clara Barton. Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson were too.

While many Unitarians identify themselves as Christian, Jewish, pagan or another religion with winter holidays, I don't. I just believe in you and me and everybody else in the universe, and I guess that's not good enough.

I still give gifts and whatnot; most of my extended family and friends are Christian. Even the Fetty house sports a tree most

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years, and last year we even had lights, mostly so we wouldn't be the only dark house on the block.

But I can't deck the halls, much less light the menorah, without feeling like a faker. And sometimes the presence of everyone else's enthusiasm is just overwhelming. I live on Lincoln Avenue and park under a gaudy fake wreath tied to a lamp post. I've already had to listen to "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." I guess it's all cute in a way, but it belongs to somebody else. Sometimes I feel like it belongs to everybody else.

I love being a Unitarian, and finding my spirituality in earth and the people on it. But I'll always feel a little like I'm encroaching on someone else's joy when I co-opt Christmas. I kind of wish I could invent another winter

holiday for people like me who are content with their spirituality, but feeling left out.

I know it's a little silly to whine about being left out. Obviously, I get left out of a lot of things "normal" people enjoy by being not only an atheist, but a queer and easily offended by whatever dances on television. Some would argue that these things are my choice, but I would say it's not that simple. I am who I am and I dig it for the most part. It just sucks to have to borrow Santa Claus.

This isn't a problem that I have a real solution to. I can't ask people to stop celebrating, and that isn't what I want, anyway. I like seeing people giving unselfishly in so many ways. Sure, I could bitch and moan about commercialization and only going to church one day a year, but I think the holidays still come from a good place in all of us, er, all of you.

Just remember that even though the holidays may seem like something familiar and comfortable, there are people who are always going to struggle to find where they fit into all these traditions.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fraternity not the source of problems

With torches blazing and pitchforks waving, a single-minded mob of misguided townfolk including the butcher, the baker and the Greek adviser storm their way down Ninth Street to slay the evil (misunderstood) monster that has been created there to terrorize the community, frighten the women and kidnap the children. If this scene feels familiar to you, it is because this classic horror sequence, which first gained notoriety in the 1931 film "Frankenstein" is once again being played out, rather shoddily, in the shadow of Eastern's own "Little Shop of Horrors" – Old Main.

Far from the glitz and glamour of Hollywood's heyday, Eastern Illinois University is closely paralleling some old plot lines. Not one to deny Charleston yet another form of entertainment, I will refrain from going into a lengthy discussion about why this barely qualifies as news worthy (I hear there might be a war going on somewhere and a near epidemic of student deaths on campus). But, forget about all that, study after study continues to prove that American college students are well-versed in both foreign affairs and current events.

My point is simple. I hope that through this modern-day witch hunt, Eastern learns a valuable lesson. The same lesson that appears in Hollywood's old monster movies when the monster has been vanquished and the maiden, who at first appeared to be in distress reveals that King Kong is more than just a fun-loving, well-dressed frat guy and is instead a very misunderstood monster created out of the misdirected fear, prejudices and bigotry that lies not in any one oversized monkey but in the hearts of those who wish to destroy it.

Eastern may close its doors on the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and all of Transylvania, err, I mean Charleston, can rest assured that they are once again safe

from monsters under the bed and boogie men in the closet. But, sooner or later they may come to realize that Pi Kappa Alpha was not really the problem. Then who will they turn to next? I hear there are some raging keggers going on in Stevenson Hall (amongst other things...you've all heard the stories). Perhaps they will be next. Or, unlikely as it is, Eastern and its' minions may take responsibility for a campus rife with under achievement, drug use and apathy. Perhaps they will actually gain the courage to strike the Hydra at its heart instead of continuing its fruitless battle against a head that is under acknowledged, contributory and responsible for the production of well-balanced successful graduates such as myself and my fellow alumni.

Paul J. Lytle
Eastern alumni, 2002

Homosexuality not a disease

I found associate pastor Linda Jones' letter to the editor "Presentation stretched meaning of scripture" surprisingly boring, trite and repetitive. Malice, hatred and bigotry concealed under the guise of good intentions, kindness and "Christian" good will is still just that, malice, hatred and bigotry.

I think the part that by far had me laughing my head off, was when Pastor Jones wrote, "Many civilizations of the past have had an outbreak of homosexuality before they fell."

First and foremost, I was not aware homosexuality is a disease. Please, if it is a disease, someone tell me, how do you catch it? I mean, do I have to go out in 30-below weather without a coat to catch it, or do I have to accidentally fall into a nice pair of designer jeans to catch it? Further more, once I catch this "disease," is there an over-the-counter "Queer-be-

gone," night time medicine to take? I mean, I just want to know, since it was an "outbreak" of homosexuality that caused these nations to fall. God forbid that it had anything to do with greed, neglect or inferior leadership.

I am a Christian and do not believe homosexuality is a disease. It is people with these thoughts who give Christians the image of being intolerant. I do not feel that one will burn in hell for being homosexual any more than I think one person being straight will have a better chance of going to heaven. I feel it is all based on who one is as a person, a human being. That is what the lecture was really meant for, letting homosexuals, bisexuals and transgender people feel like people, not just labels or symbols of sin. It is a shame that people can't see the individual instead of the person they sleep with.

Pastor Jones wrote, "Sex is a good thing created by God, but it is not what someone's world should revolve around." I wonder whose world revolves around sex, the homosexual or those who obsess about the fact two guys or girls are committing sin by getting it on?

Maurice Tracy
sophomore political science major

Forum remarks were out of line

I would like to address what Illinois State Police Captain George Murray said at the Project 21 forum:

"I'm told that you have a problem trying to get grade school and high school marching bands coming to march in the Homecoming parade. If that's true, that's ridiculous, and its unnac-

ceptable and quite cowardly."

Well, Captain Murray, do you know the ages of the persons involved in the Homecoming incident? I really don't see the relevance of your comment to the Project 21 forum. The people involved may have been over the age of 21 and drinking legally, and so your comment would have been irrelevant to the subject of underage drinking. And if you were insinuating that those students were underage, then that is a poor assumption and a bad stereotype.

Yes, Captain Murray, even those drinking legally act stupid sometimes, too.

Michelle Dombrowski
junior speech communication major

Budget increased by 4 percent

In a recent letter, I pointed out that Eastern had 3 percent more appropriated funding this year than last year. In fact, by looking at the FY2003 internal budget, which just became available, I have found the difference between this year's funding and last year's expenditures is even greater.

Although administration budget summaries have reported \$81.2 million in existing commitments, based on last year's budget, Eastern spent \$5 million less than that amount – that is, \$80.7 million – in FY2002. You can check this out for yourself at the Budget Office in Old Main or at the library. So the real bottom line is that Eastern has \$3.2 million more this year than it spent last year, an increase of 4 percent.

Charles Delman
associate professor of mathematics

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Pam Fischer, a junior marketing major, helps Jeni Nation, a junior special education and English major (not pictured), decorate in Nation's room Monday night. The two were putting lights on the tree and in the window.

Guidelines, creativity secret to holiday decorating in dorms

By Amy Umbarger
STAFF WRITER

With the holidays right around the corner, many Eastern students are decking the halls and putting up decorations to get in the spirit. Decorating in on-campus housing, however, has to follow certain safety guidelines.

"We really do not have any different rules than the normal dorm decorating procedures," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

The most important rule for students living in residence halls is to keep live trees out of their rooms because the trees can become a fire hazard, Hudson said.

"There can be a live Christmas tree in the main lobby of the building just as long as it is fire-treated, but no individual (real) trees are allowed in the dorm rooms," Hudson said.

Some students tend to get very excited when it comes to decorating their halls for the holidays.

"All of the doors on my floor are wrapped up like presents. There are a variety of artificial trees, and lots of snowflakes are up on the walls," said Lincoln Hall resident Michelle Peecher, a junior speech communication major.

The majority of the holiday decorating seems to be done by females rather than males.

"No one has really decorated on my floor. Guys tend to be a little slower when it comes to things like that, whereas girls like to decorate the day after

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— Michelle Peecher

Thanksgiving," said Douglas Hall resident Gene Oliver, a junior economics major.

Although no one has reported any decorations incidents concerning safety, students are told to be aware of cultural issues as well.

Eileen Boucher, a junior English major, is one of the Resident Assistants in Taylor Hall. "When it comes to their own door or room, the students are allowed to decorate however they choose. The only thing we ask is that the hallways only have signs that say 'Happy Holidays' or 'Winter Wonderland' because not everyone celebrates Christmas."

So for students wanting to liven up their environment for the winter months, decorating the dorm rooms is an option.

"I would say the number one rule for decorating, and for life in general, is to just exercise good common sense," Hudson said.

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Airports' holiday seizures: 15,982 knives, one brick

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some passengers still haven't gotten the word about what they can and can't take on planes. Seized at airports during the Thanksgiving rush: 15,982 pocket knives, 98 boxcutters, six guns and a brick.

Still, transportation officials said the airport chaos predicted by many never occurred. Passengers waited less than 10 minutes on average at security checkpoints during the first holiday travel season since an all-federal work force took over screening.

Michael Wascom, spokesman for a group representing the major airlines, said opera-

tions were generally smooth even with bad weather in some places. "Passengers moved efficiently through the airports, and customer service standards were upheld," said Wascom, spokesman for the Air Transport Association.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the government has tightened restrictions on what can be taken on board a plane.

Robert Johnson, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, said many holiday travelers are inexperienced fliers and don't realize they can't take knives, scissors, fireworks or ammunition onto planes. If they try to, the prohibited

items will be confiscated. Passengers also could be prosecuted, a decision made by law enforcement officials depending on the item and the circumstances.

Between Tuesday and Sunday, six people who tried to carry guns onto planes were arrested: two at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport and one each at New York's LaGuardia Airport, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport, Salt Lake City International Airport and Dulles International Airport outside Washington.

"We find the gun, we turn the passenger over to law enforcement at the checkpoint," said Johnson. Charges vary, but most often

they're a variation on possession of a prohibited weapon, Johnson said.

"You're not allowed to have a gun at the airport without a permit," he said.

The TSA says that at the 38 busiest U.S. airports over the Thanksgiving holiday, 1,072 clubs or bats were confiscated, 3,242 banned tools and 2,384 flammable items, including a welding gun in Boise, Idaho. Another 20,581 sharp objects — such as scissors, ice picks and meat cleavers — also were stopped at the checkpoints. Someone tried to bring a toy cannon made of live ammunition onto a plane at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

Bush administration calls for more global warming research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bush administration officials mapped out a strategy Tuesday for researching climate change and its causes over the next five years — studies that critics say are just a means to delay the toughest decisions on global warming until after President Bush leaves office.

The administration strategy calls for more accurate projections of the potential economic impacts of climate policy changes and gives the White House more control over the research efforts of more than a dozen federal agencies.

John H. Marburger III, the president's science and technology adviser, said at the start of a three-day meeting of climate change experts that the White House hopes to refocus the 13-year-old research program on providing data that can be used to shape a "clearly articulated policy ... that doesn't put the economy at risk."

For many climate experts, the administration's latest strategy reopens questions that most scientists considered already fairly settled. It also ignores the Environmental Protection Agency's published findings in 2000 from a decade-long federal assessment of potential impacts of climate change around the United States.

The new research plan, posted on the Web site of an interagency program led by the White House, asserts that people are clearly agents of environmental change but that still unclear is whether human activities actually are causing changes such as global warm-

ing.

"It seems like they're reinventing the wheel because some people didn't like the direction indicated the last time the analysis was done," said Dan Lashof, science director for the climate program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group.

"The overall thrust of this plan is to take a giant step backward and almost pretend that the last decade and findings by the scientific community don't exist," he added.

Bush has advocated voluntary measures for industry to cut emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that many scientists blame for warming the atmosphere like a greenhouse.

In June, he downplayed the significance of a White House-approved report his administration submitted to the United Nations that mostly blamed human activity for global warming but acknowledged lingering scientific uncertainties.

Five months into his presidency, Bush heard back from the National Academy of Sciences that global warming is caused at least partly by man-made pollution, and that it is a real problem and getting worse.

With that advice, the president felt he had "a basis of sound science on which decisions can be made," spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters in June 2001.

But 18 months later, the administration is now resisting calls for quick action and instead issuing the plan for more study.

Treasury discuss rules for terror insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Insurance companies generally have 90 days to notify commercial policyholders about the newly enacted terror insurance program, any changes that may be made in their insurance coverage and premiums that would be charged, the Treasury Department said Tuesday.

That was some of the department's guidance as it works to create rules to implement terrorism insurance legislation that President Bush signed into law last week.

The law, which emerged out of last year's terror attacks, requires that disclosures be made to policyholders. Treasury officials have said that clear, upfront information might help companies as they shop around for terror insurance coverage.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Treasury are working closely to implement the new law. The association developed sample disclosure forms last week that insurance companies may use, something that Treasury supported.

The law provides billions of federal dollars to help insurance companies pay claims should terrorists attack the United States again.

Bush and other advocates said the law was needed because billions of dollars worth of construction projects had stalled. Companies were reluctant to finance projects that could not be insured against acts of terror.

Turning around that situation and energizing the sagging commercial construction market would help the struggling U.S. economy, supporters said.

"Commercial property and casualty insurance companies now are required to make terrorism insurance coverage available to their policyholders, and in many cases such coverage is in place today as a result of the legislation," said Peter Fisher, Treasury's undersecretary for domestic finance. "This is good news for our economy."

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GUIDE

Four pieces of legislation on meeting agenda

By John Chambers
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

After suspending its bylaws to approve legislation before Thanksgiving break, the Student Senate will now vote tonight on four other pieces of legislation tabled last meeting.

One piece of senate legislation recommends Student Government executives make "all other reasonable attempts to fill positions ... before an executive appoints him or herself to positions."

A resolution suggesting the same idea failed in September.

The current legislation was pur-

posely written as a broad recommendation without suggesting specific attempts executives should make to fill committee positions, said Student Senate member Dwight Nelson, author of the resolution.

"I want this to be a reminder to them," he said. "I'm not trying to tell them how to do their job. That's not senate's job."

Nelson said passing the legislation as a senate bill, as opposed to the original resolution, will allow for amendments.

The legislation suggests that sometimes executives would not be serving on committees where they

would be needed, said Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson.

"I believe (the bill) does or possibly could hurt somebody, and that's the average student walking around campus right now," Davidson said. "In this instance it does not govern any support from me to substitute some of our best people for the job."

Nelson said executives will not be limited because their positions reserve them the right to sit on any committee as an ex-officio member.

Another piece of legislation will allocate over \$6,600 from the Apportionment Board to the University Board in order to host for nine comedians next semester.

The allocation was requested because of the success of the comedians performing at the 7th Street Underground this semester, said UB Chair Caleb Judy.

If passed, the allocation will have to be approved by administration.

The third piece of legislation will allocate about \$700 from the Student Government budget for catering for the December Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee meeting. Eastern will be hosting the meeting of student governments this month.

The last motion was tabled at the last Student Senate meeting and will likely remain so, Davidson said.

The legislation will approve sending a letter of apology to area schools regarding complaints received by administration and others about items thrown and obscenities directed at those marching in the parade.

The Student Senate External Relations Committee created a subcommittee to find a way to avoid the same behavior at next year's parade, and the letter will be sent when a solution is reached, said committee chair George Lesica.

The Student Senate meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Giving:

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"There are definitely more blood drives this year, but that is intentional," he said. "Since I became apart of the blood committee last year, the number of blood drives and donors has gotten much bigger."

But Torbeck thinks there is still room for improvement for students on campus.

"Out of the 8,000 students that live on campus, only five percent donate on a regular basis," she said. "But 60 to 80 percent of the nation donates on a regular basis. We need to get out how important it is to donate."

"I think numbers would increase if people understood that there are emergencies every single day," Torbeck said. "I don't think people realize how much blood is needed at hospitals unless someone in their family or a friend gets injured."

Ward said at this time there is not a national or world emergency that demands blood. Trends have shown blood supply tapers off in the summer, because of vacationing families, and in the winter, because of the cold.

Torbeck said in most cases, students fail to donate blood because of a lack of knowledge, but Ward said that is something the committee has tried to improve.

"Our numbers have increased because of advertising, participation and lots of phone calls," Ward said. "As a result, we have met all our goals."

And then there is "Buddy the Blood drop," a foam-costumed mascot that passes out blood drive fliers that Ward says is their best advertisement.

"It looks like a big red Hershey Kiss, with big eyes and white Mickey Mouse gloves," he said. "Girls come up and hug you ... it's awesome."

Blood drives have been increasing in the past year, but Torbeck sees an even better future.

"Things are only getting better and better at Eastern," she said. "I am educating the blood drive committee and they educate their friends, and what we do is save lives."

Charges over fake Web sites settled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four companies agreed to repay customers a total of \$300,000 to settle federal charges that they sold fake Internet addresses ending in ".usa" with an advertising campaign pegged to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday that the companies — TLD Network Ltd., Quantum Management Ltd.,

TBS Industries Ltd., and Quantum Management U.S. Inc. — last year jointly sold Internet domain names ending with ".brit" and ".scot." After Sept. 11, the companies began an e-mail campaign advertising ".usa" domain names, with statements such as, "Be Patriotic! Register .USA Domains."

The FTC said the ".usa" domain names

are not usable over the Internet and probably never will be. Many new Internet suffixes have joined the familiar ".com," ".net" and ".org," but not the names sold by the four companies.

The settlement bars the companies, primarily based in London, from deceptive promotions involving domain names and from selling their customer lists.

Street:

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The section of Seventh Street that the university wants to close is valued at \$480,000; however, the university does not have the funds to pay for it. So in order to pay back the city, the money would be converted into semester hours of the current year's price. That would equal 4,426 semester hours and the city would have those hours to cash in for the inflated price of semester hours for 10 years.

In that 10 years the city could ask the university for any number of those hours at a time.

Through this plan the city could benefit from the inflation of semester hours at Eastern, that would act as interest, and the university would not have to come up with \$480,000 right away but still be able to pursue with the Doudna building's plans.

Instead of cashing in those semester hours, the city will use the money to send six to seven Charleston students, no matter the age, to Eastern with full-paid scholarships per year.

In this way, the city could improve its relationship with the university by giving students free tuition hours.

So during the 10-year period, the city would be able to send about 40 Charleston students to Eastern and still have some money left over.

The semester hours left would be given out to city employees to learn specific education such as computer or technology skills.

The public complaints stem from the university side of the bargain, however. Two residents expressed concern Tuesday that with the payment plan proposed, the city will never see any of the money for closing the street because the current budget setbacks most likely will not bounce back.

Cougill said he expects the council to pass the resolution at its next meeting Dec. 17, so the university can take the plan to be approved by the Board of Trustees at its next meeting Dec. 20.

Also Tuesday, the council passed an ordinance allowing Cellular One to use the cellular communications tower that is located at 1611 Redbud Road on Illinois Route 16 between Charleston and Mattoon.

The company intends to improve its coverage by using the city's tower.

Center:

Convenience stores have seen success in union and Carman

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ordered, but not delivered. Though the door still has not been delivered and no date for delivery is set, crews decided to start planning to be finished by the beginning of spring semester.

Facilities Planning and Management also is busy erecting counters to fit into the shop once electrical work is finished.

The snack shop was proposed for Thomas Dining Center after the success of similar "one-stop shops" in Carman Hall and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The shop will provide snacks like chips, candy and and drinks as a faster alternative to dining centers.

Once the door is delivered, a hole will be cut into the wall of Thomas Dining Center and a walkway will be added so students can access the shop directly from the South Quad.

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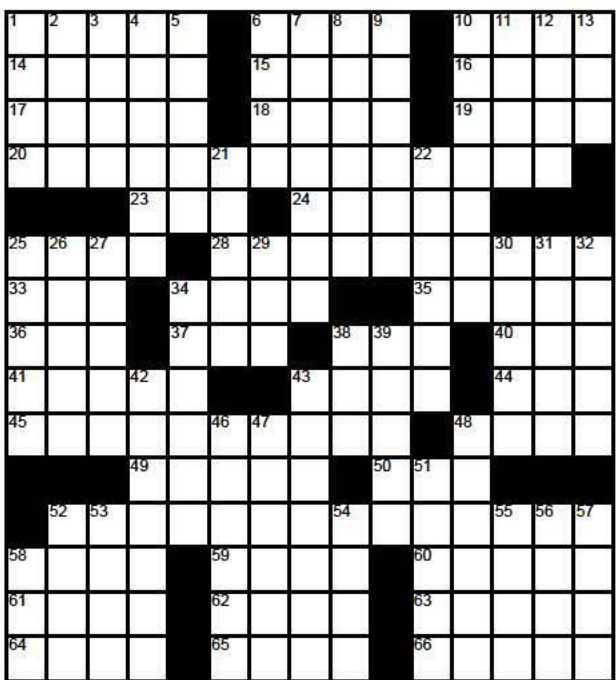
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Mexican officials promote prison factories to America

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico (AP) — Prison officials in northern Mexico say their inmates are manufacturing furniture bound for Texas — despite U.S. laws that ban the importation of goods made with prison labor. And they'd like to contract with more American companies to produce all kinds of goods. One official said prison shops would even label their products to hide their origin. Prison officials in Mexico's northern states are pointing to inmate workshops as a way to stem the loss of business as foreign-owned assembly plants abandon the border zone in search of cheaper labor in Asia. Convicts already do work for Mexican companies. But prison labor is strongly criticized around the globe on the grounds it undercuts unions, steals jobs from law-abiding workers and poses risks of human rights abuses. Many countries, like the United States, bar imports of products made by prisoners. The prison director for Tamaulipas state, Manuel del Riego, said Clint Hough of Austin, Texas, is the first foreign businessman to accept the state's offer of its inmates' services.

Del Riego said Hough has been buying furniture made by prisoners for more than a year. Inmates at the Ciudad Victoria prison said Hough ordered chairs for a Texas restaurant chain as well as dining room furniture. Hough, interviewed at the prison, would not confirm that he takes the furniture across the border. "That I would really rather not discuss because I'm afraid U.S. Customs would ruin it," he said. Wiping sweat from his brow with a towel, Hough later denied ordering furniture from the prison at all, and said he merely teaches prisoners design and finishing techniques. "You don't want to cause problems for people because the U.S. Customs can be narrow-minded in its views," said Hough, 49. "So it's really important that this not be reported." Del Riego said 150 foreign companies, including many in the United States, had expressed interest in setting up production lines at the 11 prisons in Tamaulipas. "Companies will save tons of money," he said.

Inspectors search Iraq palace

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — International weapons hunters went straight to the heart of Saddam Hussein's regime on Tuesday, searching the rooms of an opulent presidential palace in a show of U.N. power, just when Washington was openly questioning their ability to do the job. A senior Iraqi official, meanwhile, said Baghdad will reaffirm in a crucial upcoming U.N. declaration that it has no weapons of mass destruction despite U.S. and British claims to the contrary. Melissa Fleming of the U.N. nuclear control agency in Vienna, Austria, said the Iraqis were expected to submit their report to the U.N. office in Baghdad on Saturday — one day before the deadline mandated by the Security Council. The unannounced visit to the Al-Sajoud palace was the biggest test yet of the arms monitors' authority under a new U.N. resolution, which led to resumption of inspections here last week after a four-year break. Seven minutes after the inspectors rolled up to the palace entrance, the towering front gates swung open, allowing them access to the palm-lined compound. Inside, they found a sprawl of ostentation and luxury, but there was no word they found anything else. "Our inspectors were able to inspect every

corner of the presidential palace," said their spokesman, Hiro Ueki. The chief Iraqi liaison, Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, said the Iraqis were cooperative and "the inspectors were happy." Video from inside the palace, obtained by Associated Press Television News, showed inspectors, clipboards in hand, quickly moving through darkened rooms with flashlights, stopping occasionally to peruse, for example, a utility room or a refrigerator. "Marmalade," one announced after looking over a jar. The visit by 17 U.N. inspectors lasted just 1 1/2 hours, hardly enough for an exhaustive search of scores of rooms and the vast grounds. But it bore a symbolic message: that this time, unlike in the 1990s, the U.N. teams have a free run of Iraq, under a Security Council mandate requiring Baghdad to shut down any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons programs. President Bush alleges the Iraqis have retained some chemical and biological weapons — missed during previous inspections — and haven't abandoned their nuclear weapons program. In a speech Monday, Bush contended that so far "the signs are not encouraging" the Iraqis will "cooperate. ly

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Junior guard Lauren Dailey lead Eastern with 16 points in the team's loss to Loyola Tuesday in Chicago.

CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Trouble in Chicago

◆ Eastern commits 23 turnovers in loss to Loyola on the road

By Andy Panici
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's women's basketball team turned the ball over 23 times in a loss to Loyola Tuesday night.

"We're not going to win many games when we commit 23 turnovers and force only 10," said head coach Linda Wunder.

Fourteen of those 23 turnovers came in the second period. The Panthers committed 15 personal fouls making their opponents go to the line 14 times.

Loyola was 12-of-14 from the line.

Eastern led Loyola at the end of the first half by six points, but came out in the second hitting only five of their first 21 shots. The Panthers only made 41.7 percent of their shots in the game compared to Loyola's 45.9 percent.

"The most disappointing part is we gave up 72 points to a team that was averaging only 61," Wunder said.

Loyola scored 72 points to Eastern's 59.

Eastern's top scorer junior guard Lauren Dailey was 7 of 15 from the field recording 16 points and six assists.

Teammate redshirt-freshman Ashley Kearney scored a career high of 11 points. Kearney was four of seven from the field.

Senior forward Brooke Gossett, team leader in points per game, had 11 points and nine rebounds. Gossett is averaging 13.5 points a game.

Four players from Loyola were in double digits.

"We couldn't guard anyone,"

Matchup breakdown

Eastern Illinois (1-4)	at	Loyola Chicago (1-3)
59		72

LEADING SCORERS:

EASTERN	
L Dailey	16
A Kearney	11
B Gossett	11
A Collins	6
R Karos	6
LOYOLA	
C Henderson	24
M Mennella	12
M Toczylowski	12
S Hamilton	10
M Lands	8

This day in Panther sports...

- ◆ 1996: The Eastern men's basketball team falls to Indiana State 76-68.

Wunder said.

Sophomore guard Ciara Henderson scored 24 points leading the team. Henderson was 7-of-15 from the field, 3-of-6 from the arch.

Junior Maggie Toczylowski had a productive night. She scored 12 points shooting 5-of-7, six rebounds, and three blocks.

Loyola wins its first game of the season moving to a 1-3 record. Eastern loses its fourth game of the season going to 1-4.

"We need to put forty minutes of basketball together," Wunder said. "Loyola played with more heart than we did. They deserved to win."

Eastern will return to the Lantz Arena to face Southern Illinois University on Saturday night.

NFL

Quarterback's wife says she insisted on X-ray

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Brenda Warner called a local radio show Tuesday and said her husband, St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner, had his injured hand X-rayed at her insistence - and not under orders from coach Mike Martz. "Martz had nothing to do with it," Brenda Warner told KFNS Radio.

Brenda Warner called during a discussion by St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Bryan Burwell and co-host John Marecek about the level of trust between Martz and key players with regard to injuries.

When he revealed Warner's injury on Monday, Martz said that he insisted Warner have the hand X-rayed despite Warner's repeated assurances that he was fine. Warner might have been injured during the Rams' loss at Washington Nov. 24, and he had trouble gripping the ball in Sunday's 10-3 loss to the Eagles.

He fumbled attempting to tuck the ball during a scramble and also lost control of the ball trying to pass as the Rams went without a touchdown for the first time since Dec. 3, 2000 at Carolina.

"I can't believe how uninformed you are," Warner said when Burwell introduced her on the air. "All week long I said, 'Kurt, I'm a nurse, you should go get it X-rayed.' The doctors never once said he should get an X-ray. (They) said, 'No, it's only bruised.'"

did you know that:

Approximately 16 percent of adults struggle with depression each year, and today's college students face these problems earlier in their lives than did previous generations. (National Institute of Mental Health, 2002)

Increases in related suicide rates have made it the second leading cause of death among college-aged students. In fact, more young adults die from suicide than from all medical illnesses combined.

being aware of distress signals, ways to intervene, and resources prepares you to help both yourself and others

warning signs for depression/suicide:

- Changes in academic performance (skipping classes, failing grades, falling behind, etc.)
- Withdrawal from others (even close friends) and previously enjoyed activities
- Changes in eating (increase or decrease) and/or sleeping (insomnia or oversleeping) habits
- Difficulty with motivation, concentrating, and making decisions
- Feelings of worthlessness and/or excessive guilt
- Helplessness/hopelessness (belief that nothing will get better, nothing will change)
- Recent significant losses (ending of a romantic relationship, death of an important person, etc.)
- Direct (I'm going to kill myself) or indirect (Everyone would be better off without me) references to suicide
- Abuse of alcohol or drugs, especially when one leads to angry, impulsive, or reckless behavior
- Preparation for death by making final arrangements or giving away prized possessions
- History of past suicide attempts
- Feelings of relief when talking about suicide

there is help and hope...

Effective treatments are available to help people experiencing depression and the suicidal thoughts and feelings that sometimes accompany it. For example, professional counseling like that available at the Counseling Center can help students to identify the factors contributing to their distress and to find better ways of dealing with issues.

Antidepressant medications have also been proven effective. At times, counseling and antidepressants are combined to complement one another in the effective treatment of depression.

if you're experiencing the warning signs...

Each year, the Counseling Center provides individual and group counseling to nearly 600 Eastern students struggling with depression and other personal concerns. The Center is staffed by psychologists and counselors and the services are free and confidential. Appointments may be scheduled in person or by calling 581-5413. The Center is located across from the MLK Union on Seventh Street.

if a friend is experiencing the warning signs...

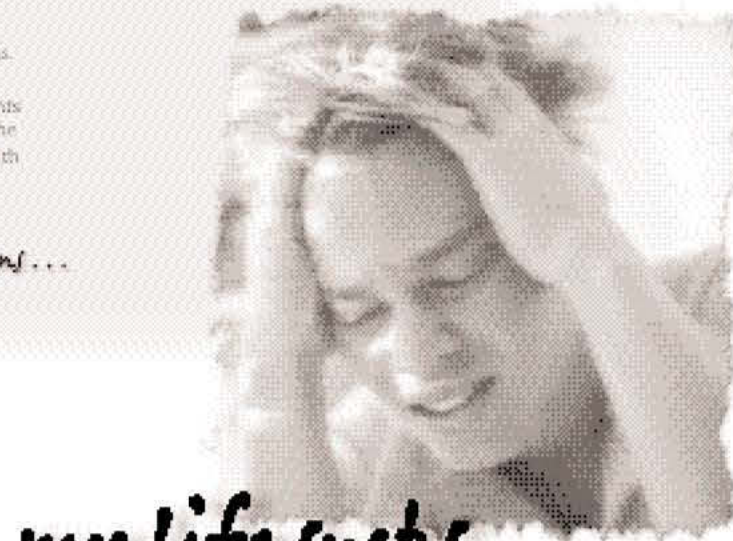
- Be a good listener. Listening is more important than coming up with the "right thing" to say.
- Don't be afraid to ask about depressive symptoms or suicide (e.g., "Has it gotten so bad that you've thought about harming or killing yourself?").
- Offer support and alternatives. Depression frequently blinds people to available solutions to their problems.
- Encourage and help the person schedule an appointment at the Counseling Center. Frame seeking counseling as a mature, courageous choice that indicates the person is ready to confront problems and improve the quality of his/her life.

in case of an emergency:

Call the Counseling Center (Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM) @ 581-5413. After hours, call a Residence Hall Director or the University Police. They will assess the situation and, if necessary, contact the Counseling Center staff member on call.

prevention tips...

- Seek help early, before small problems become a crisis
- Give yourself credit for the smallest, simplest things you do
- Get some form of exercise each day
- Keep junk food to a minimum and eat healthy, balanced meals
- Avoid excessive use of alcohol and other drugs
- Have something you need to take care of and nurture (e.g., a pet, a plant)
- Pay special attention to grooming and dress; wear things you feel good in
- Listen to (positive) music you enjoy
- Get out in the sunlight, light up your living space



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FOOTBALL

Panthers' 2002 season played out like a classic piece of literature

◆ Eastern's not-so-story-book season had two different teams on the field

By Nate Bloomquist
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panther football season contained enough substance for a Charles Dickens novel.

At the best of times the Panther offense could throw, run and catch the ball at will. The offensive corps ranked No. 5 in the country (35.3 points per game).

At the worst of times — many of which came in Saturday's season-ending 48-9 loss to Western Illinois — Eastern struggled to simply hold on to the ball and couldn't keep the defense off the field, which nearly went the entire season without being ranked in the nation's top 100.

Saturday's bitter ending to an otherwise sweet season left Panther head coach Bob Spoo sounding like a scrooge.

"I'll reflect on this game as an indication of how far we need to go," Spoo said after Saturday's loss.

Tuesday Spoo said that assessment was too harsh. While there were plenty of hard times Saturday, there was some sort of silver lining in the dark Macomb sky.

"Turnovers really made a remarkable difference," Spoo said. "We did some good things, but we just turned the ball over too much."

During the season Spoo has never focused on individual accomplishments. He puts little solace in records, although many were set this year.

Two of those record setters — Tony Romo and J.R. Taylor — have post-college football aspirations and for good reason. Romo set almost every school passing record this season and said he hopes to make the NFL Draft's top three rounds. Scouts have shown interest in Romo throughout the season, including the New York Giants, where previous Eastern record-holding offensive coordinator Sean Payton is on the coaching staff.

Romo was named Tuesday as a top three finalist for the Walter Payton Award, which is awarded to the nation's top I-AA player. The winner will be announced Dec. 19.

Taylor, No. 4 on Eastern's all-time rushing yardage list, also has NFL aspirations and an agent to represent him.

"They've accomplished so much in their time here," Spoo said. "I don't think they're done yet."

But the players aren't the only one to receive national notice.

Eastern's coaching staff has received many accolades in recent years and this year was no exception.

The American Football Coaches Association named Panther offensive coordinator Roy Wittke "Assistant Coach of the year." He received the same honor from the Sports Network last week.

"He is the most competent, professional and loyal man I've ever worked with," Spoo said. "I've been in this business for 40 years so I think I'm qualified to say that. I'm grateful and happy to have him as a coach."

Wittke and Spoo were taken on an epic journey — the stuff novels are often made of.

Eastern started out its season with a trip, a big payday and a 0-2 record. The trip to Hawaii in Week 1 gave the Panthers a chance to experience paradise with a painful shellacking mixed in. The trip to Manhattan, Kan., two



Bob Spoo

weeks later ended with more bumps and bruises and a 63-13 loss.

The Panthers went on to win their next eight straight, including five Ohio Valley Conference wins, with their biggest game of the season remaining.

But Eastern fumbled an opportunity to win back-to-back OVC titles after a 37-35 loss on a last-second field goal at Murray State.

"I'm sure there have been other seasons like this where we've gone up and down," Spoo said. "But none really stick out, but I guess that's how it goes sometimes in this sport you have up-and-down years."

While the Panther offense pummeled opponents this season, the future doesn't look as promising. With only one returning starter in the backfield — junior tailback Andre Raymond — the Panther offense won't be likely to scare the dickens out of any team the way it did this year.

Soon to be redshirt-freshman quarterback Ben King will have enormous shoes to fill. The 2001 Wisconsin high school Player of the Year could see some competition from whoever the Panthers bring up in this year's recruiting class. Quarterback Steve Walker of Lockport, a member of the *Chicago Tribune's* all-area high school team is among the players Eastern has spent time on recruiting.

Spoo hopes he can sing a Christmas carol in celebration of a solid recruiting class that will be unwrapped within the next two months.

"The time is now," Spoo said. "This is very crucial. This is where it's at."

The defense shows promise, as eight of the 11 players who started in the Western game will return next season.

"We've got some young guys on the team that showed some improvement this year so that feels really good to know we've got them coming back next year," junior defensive tackle Damien McCottrell said. "I think we did some good things this year, but at times we were just too inconsistent."

Juniors Nick Ricks and Fred Miller will carry the corps next year as they did this season.

Ricks led all players with 127 tackles and is a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Division I-AA Defensive Player of the Year award.

"That's definitely a good thing," Spoo said. "But we need to be much better in that area. I look forward to that next year and we have to get some depth there. We really hope we'll be better on defense next year."

"I'm sure there have been other seasons like this where we've gone up and down, but none really stick out."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

What are friends for?

◆ Domercant credits teammates for his success

By Matthew Stevens
STAFF WRITER

On the night Henry Domercant became Eastern's all-time leading scorer, Panther fans finally started to believe what he's been saying for weeks about his teammates.

"I could never give too much credit to (Jan Thompson)," Domercant said "He's always working to get me open."

Senior center Jan Thompson scored the first five points in a game where he was two rebounds away from his first career double-double.

"It felt great when Jan got those points because any type of offense he gives us is a plus," Domercant said.

Thompson came into game averaging less than one point per game and utilized his height advantage over a smaller Leatherneck front court.

"I think that those put-backs he had early provided us with a spark that started a early 14-5 run," head coach Rick Samuels said.

In the season's largest Lantz Arena home crowd, Domercant overtook Jay Taylor with 16:11 left in the first half and now leads Eastern with 1,952 points.

"Henry deserves to be leading scorer because he's a tireless worker and shows great character off the floor," Samuels said "I

can't count how many times somebody has told me that Henry talked to my five-year old child — college players just don't do that."

The Ohio Valley Conference preseason Player of the Year, Domercant scored 29 points while shooting 11 of 26 from the field and made two late free-throws to ice the game.

"Henry is a testament of hard work and I knew he was going to be a great player," Thompson said.

However, Domercant shot four-of-12 in the second half but was picked up by J.R. Reynolds' 12 second-half points. Reynolds is establishing himself as the Panthers second scoring threat and ended this night with 20 points.

"We need for J.R. to score more but not necessary shoot more," Samuels said.

Jesse Mackinson is struggling to provide an offensive lift but is currently playing with his right thumb in a splint.

"When Jesse's thumb gets better, he will hit his shots and gets 8-10 rebounds," Samuels said.

With Eastern getting solid performances from players off the bench, Samuels currently has the best problem to have.

"I'm struggling to find a rotation because I don't know who will perform well and when," Samuels said.

Domercant:

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Thompson said. "So when that happens it leaves me open to score."

After Eastern's opening run, Western cut Eastern's lead to two with less than a minute before halftime after a three-pointer from Bobby Carter.

Western cut Eastern's lead to 38-37, completing a 13-5 run.

"We started rushing a little bit and got a little out of sync," Domercant said. "They made defensive adjustments and we came out high on adrenaline."

The Panthers slowly began to pull away after a Domercant trey.


"That was a good example of how to use a screen," Samuels said. "It left him wide open for that shot."

Eastern then went on a 8-0 run and never looked back, leading by as many as 16 points.

J.R. Reynolds' hot shooting touch kept the Panthers afloat despite their rebound troubles.

The senior guard connected on seven of 11 shots from the field for 20 points.

"He's just really in a hot streak," Samuels said. "I don't really think he needs to shoot more, but he needs to score more."



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	Wrestling at Northern Iowa	All day

OVERTIME



Matt Williams
STAFF WRITER

Forget about individual records

Making and breaking records and earning individual awards are a part of every sport that you see.

Players blow up for 55 points in a basketball game or throw for 400 yards in a football game, or maybe even an end-of-the-year award for how great that player did during the season.

All of these are great accomplishments, but what happens when the team doesn't even win the game or the team has a losing season? Are the records really worth it then?

With the talk all football season of senior quarterback Tony Romo breaking passing records and competing for the Walter Payton Award, and now with senior guard Henry Domercant breaking the school record for total career points, it made me think about the importance of individual records.

From my understanding, team sports should be about the team and not the individual.

I say it is just fine to congratulate a guy for achieving something nobody has done or for a big award, but hyping it up for months before it even happens is just stupid.

Not only do I get sick of hearing about how close someone is to breaking a record, but I am sure the players get a little tired of it too.

After the Evansville game on Saturday, Domercant wished he had just broken the record then so he wouldn't have to deal with it anymore. But now he is just going to have to be bothered about other records that are waiting to be broken.

Records and awards can prove to be a negative on both the team and the individual. They can be distracting for players and can put extra pressure on them.

I bet Romo was asked about the Walter Payton Award a bajillion different times before the season ended. I mean, it would be great for him and the school if he wins, but I can't see how that didn't get a bit distracting for him.

For every pass he made somewhere in the back of his mind had to be that statuette of the late Bears running back.

Players shouldn't have to spend the entire season thinking about if the incomplete pass they made in second quarter of the fourth game of the season will effect the award voting, and they shouldn't be swarmed by people with questions every time they are within 50 points of breaking another record.

So my proposal is let's try to focus more on what a team is capable of doing and not worry about what the superstar is doing or is going to do in the future. Isn't that what team sports are about anyway?

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Domercant's record breaker

◆ *Panthers roll over Leathernecks after Taylor's all-time record falls*

By Nate Bloomquist
SPORTS EDITOR

Henry Domercant was worried. After missing his first two shots Tuesday in Lantz Arena against Western Illinois, the senior guard wondered how long it would take for him to score.

He entered the game needing only four points to become Eastern's all-time scoring leader. Three minutes into the first half, Domercant nailed a two-pointer and hit another three minutes later.

After Domercant's layup put the Panthers ahead 18-9 and the crowd of 3,146 rose to their feet with 13:53 left in the first half, his basketball life returned to normal.

Domercant cruised to 29 points and five rebounds and the Panthers rolled to a 76-63 win over the Leathernecks.

"After the game I told Henry that he deserves to be the school's leading scorer," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said. "He's worked so hard for everything he's received. We have a real star in our midst."

While Samuels, and anyone else for that matter, could predict

Matchup breakdown

Western Illinois (1-3)	at	Eastern Illinois (3-3)
63		76

LEADING SCORERS:

WESTERN	
J Summers	20
R Harris	14
A Charles	11
S Mason	6
M Robins	5
EASTERN	
H Domercant	29
J Reynolds	20
J Thompson	10
C Lewis	6
A Gobjczyk	5

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◆ Domercant gets some help from his friends
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Domercant would break Jay Taylor's (1986-89) record of 1,926 points early in the season, the Naperville North High School product said it was a relief to put the career mark behind him.

"It's a great accomplishment," Domercant said. "It felt great to have everyone come out to the game and recognize you the way they did."

But senior center Jan Thompson almost stole Domercant's spotlight. Thompson, whom Domercant gave much of the credit for amassing his lofty point total, scored the game's first five points and finished with 10 and eight rebounds.

"When I was setting screens the guy on me was jumping high,"

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STEPHEN HAAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior guard Jason Wright (21) and the Panthers (3-3) defeated the Leathernecks (1-3) Tuesday night in Lantz Arena.

TOP CAT

"He is a young man with a lot of great character..." head coach Rick Samuels

Building a legacy

◆ *Records and shots fall when Domercant gets the ball*

By Matt Williams
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners can be selected only once each year. Selection is made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff).



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Senior guard Henry Domercant tied a career high with 40 points Saturday.

Senior guard Henry Domercant is going to leave a legacy when he finishes his last season at Eastern. Conference, and maybe even national records will fall.

All of these things are just a part of what Domercant has been dreaming about since he first began dribbling a basketball. The All-American guard is seen as one of the best jump shooters in the nation and has received interest from the NBA.

His 40-point, eight-assist and eight-rebound night against Evansville Saturday showed exactly why he has gained that recognition. It is also why he has been chosen as this week's Top Cat.

If Domercant gets to the NBA, it is not just because of his nice shooting touch. It is because he has worked hard and is determined to be the best player he can be.

"I was taught early that you get out of it what you put into it," Domercant said. "I realized my dream and put everything toward it. I love to play this game and I want to get the most out of it."

Despite the shooting skill and hard work, the NBA is still concerned with Domercant's ball handling ability.

"They love that I can shoot the ball, but the one thing they want to know is if I can be a primary ball handler," Domercant said. "I'm definitely confident, but sometimes in our system I am not able to do that."

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said he is confident that Domercant has what it takes to make it to the next level, but for more reasons than determination and skill alone.

"He is a young man with a lot of great character and some of the guys in the NBA are lacking that," Samuels said. "You don't read about him being in

"I was taught early that you get out of it what you put into it."

—Henry Domercant

trouble, you hear about Henry reading at church and talking to youth basketball teams, and that is why he is special."

This season he has worked hard at trying to become more of a complete player on the court. Driving to the basket and getting to the free throw line are two things that need to happen on a regular basis for him to do that.

"I have to finish and be more assertive at the basket," Domercant said. "Sometimes I don't use my athletic ability that I do have around the rim. You have to get to the free throw line."

Against Evansville he made 20 trips to the line making 14. Any other night, he would have made 18 to 19 of those shots as he is an 85.9 percent free throw shooter on his career.

Last year Domercant was troubled by tendinitis in his knees and was slowed by the end of the season. He plans on taking it a little bit easier on going to the gym every day so the Panthers don't make a late season skid.

"I am trying to save my legs and keep my bounce," Domercant said. "Where I am at right now - I am trying to work smarter and not harder. As far as last year, I just wanted to get repetition, and now I work more on specific things."

Domercant believes the Panthers are a better team this year than they were last year. He thinks they have what it takes to battle for the Ohio Valley Conference title and earn a trip to the NCAA tournament in March.

Until then he is going to enjoy the game he loves and the life that God has given him.

"I am fortunate and God has blessed me," Domercant said. "If I can help anyone out I want to do that because life is bigger than basketball even though sometimes I might forget that."